

Rowe v. Dror, 112 F.3d 473, 42 USPQ2d 1550 (Fed. Cir. 1997)

(1) **PREAMBLE IS A LIMITATION.** Because the term "angioplasty" in the **preamble** of a claim to "a balloon angioplasty catheter" with microcapsules on the balloon's outer surface was a limitation on the claim, the PTO erred in finding anticipation of the claim by a prior art reference that showed a general purpose balloon catheter and that made no suggestion as to the catheter's suitability for angioplasty procedures